

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-13 and 16-17 are pending.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-9, 11 and 12 are allowed.

Applicants further note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 10 and 13-17 would be allowable if rewritten are amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 2, 10 and 13-17 stand rejected to for various informalities. Applicants have either amended or canceled these claims in order to eliminate the informalities noted by the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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